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FOR DAVID CROSLAND, GENERAL COUNSEL, INS

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SUBJECT: MENDELSOHN/BELOTE

1. AT FINAL MEETING BETWEEN NICHOLAI ZHUKOV, SENIOR COUNSELOR OF JUSTICE, USSR PROCURATOR'S OFFICE, YURIY ZVEREV, STATE COUNSELOR OF JUSTICE, THIRD CLASS, AND MENDELSOHN, BELOTE AND CLIFFORD GROSS, OF AMEMBASSY MOSCOW, THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED:

A. THE SOVIETS WERE INVITED TO MAKE A RECIPROCAL VISIT TO THE US TO VIEW ONE OF OUR TRIALS -- PERHAPS IN CONNECTION WITH A WITNESS COMING TO US TO TESTIFY. THE SOVIETS SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD THE NECESSITY FOR LIVE WITNESSES TOO. DEPENDING ON THE SCHEDULES OF THE SOVIET OFFICIALS THEY MAY COME IN FALL.

B. COLIT LAWYERS WILL RETURN TO SOVIET UNION ON REGULAR BASIS TO DISCUSS CASES AND PREPARE WITNESSES. SOVIETS ADVISE THAT WE CAN BRING OUR OWN COURT REPORTERS TRANSLATORS AND VIDEO TAPE PROCEEDINGS WITH OUR EQUIPMENT.

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- C. INFORMAL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD BY AMERICAN AND SOVIET PROSECUTORS WITH THE WITNESSES TO DETERMINE WHICH ONES WILL BE USED IN A TRANSCRIBED PROCEEDING.
- D. THE SOVIETS WERE TOLD OF OUR INTEREST IN KOZY, LINNAS, OSIDACH AND SOOBZDKOV FOR THE NEXT TRIP.

- E. COMMUNICATION, AT SOVIET INSISTENCE, IS TO BE THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS. NO DIRECT LINKS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET PROSECUTORS WERE ESTABLISHED AT THIS TIME.
- F. WHEN ASKED ABOUT FEDORENKO'S CLAIM OF AN INVESTIGATION IN THE USSR THAT CLEARED HIM, THE SOVIETS SAID THEY WOULD SEND US THE MATERIAL THEY HAD AND THAT THERE WAS NO FORMAL INVESTIGATION, AND NO TRIAL OF FEDORENKO IN THE USSR. THE URGENCY OF THE FEDORENKO MATERIAL WAS DISCUSSED AND THE SOVIETS AGREED TO SEND IT TO THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (DONALD COUVILLON OF COLIT SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH IMMEDIATELY.)
- 2. MENDELSOHN AND BELOTE LEAVE FOR WARSAW AND MEETINGS WITH POLISH OFFICIALS AT 10 A.M. LOCAL TIME 7/25. TOON

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